

**The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate (BR018654)**

Kelly, Jacqueline.

Texas, 1899. Being the only girl in the middle of six brothers, it is deemed odd that eleven-year-old Calpurnia Virginia Tate (Callie Vee) does not prefer knitting socks and learning cookery with her mother to roaming outdoors with her naturalist grandfather. For grades 5-8. 2009.

**The Graveyard Book (BR018241)**

Gaiman, Neil.

A toddler enters a cemetery pursued by the knife-wielding stranger who just murdered his family. Resident ghosts Mr. and Mrs. Owens protect and adopt the child, naming him Nobody "Bod" Owens. Bod's graveyard upbringing serves him well, but why was his family targeted? For grades 5-8 and older readers. 2008.

**Moon over Manifest (BR019189)**

Vanderpool, Clare.

Great Depression, 1936. Drifter Gideon Tucker sends his twelve-year-old daughter Abilene to stay with his friend Shady Howard, a saloon-owner-turned-pastor, in Manifest, Kansas, where Gideon grew up. Abilene discovers a cigar box full of papers and odds and ends that lead her to long-held secrets. For grades 5-8. Newbery Medal. 2010.

**Figgs and Phantoms (BR016749)**

Raskin, Ellen.

Chronicles the fantastic adventures of the Figg family after they leave show business and settle in the town of Pineapple. Young Mona's favorite relative is her Uncle Florence, a book dealer who is leaving soon for mysterious Capri. For grades 5-8. Newbery Honor Book. 1974.

**Lawn Boy (BR017582)**

Paulsen, Gary.

A twelve-year-old boy decides to put his unusual birthday gift--his late grandfather's riding mower--to use by cutting his neighbors' lawns for money. Soon business is booming and he has his own employees, his own stockbroker, and sponsorship of a prizefighter. For grades 5-8. 2007.

**Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer (BR019083)**

Grisham, John.

Both kids and adults ask eighth grader Theo for legal advice because he knows the court system so well. But when his friend Julio approaches Theo about a possible surprise witness for an ongoing murder trial--the biggest in Strattenburg's history--it's Theo's turn to seek counsel. For grades 5-8. 2010.